ORIGINAL LAURIE ORTOLANO

VS

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- 1 A. We don't host data for any other
- 2 customers.
- 3 Q. You don't? Okay.
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. And does your company have the ability to
- 6 store incoming calls?
- 7 A. No.
- Q. Okay. And are you aware -- I saw that, as
- 9 part of your production, you have something called
- 10 the official board policy on corporate information
- 11 security. Is that to comply with any law in
- 12 New Hampshire?
- 13 A. No. It's more a general guideline for us.
- 14 And we're a small company. But we need to protect
- 15 our customers' data as best we can. Otherwise we
- 16 probably wouldn't have customers, because they are
- 17 entrusting us with their information. So we use it
- 18 to sort of, you know, breed our culture of
- 19 protecting our customers' data.
- 20 Q. Okay. I understand. And I was almost
- 21 going to interrupt you in the middle of that answer,
- 22 but that's something I forgot to tell you. Please
- 23 wait for me to finish a question.

- 1 just say you are not sure. That's perfectly fine.
- 2 A. Yeah. It's about that time frame, right
- 3 before COVID.
- 4 Q. Okay. And who was it that contacted you
- 5 out of Nashua?
- 6 A. Bruce Codagnone or -- I can't pronounce
- 7 his name. My apologies.
- Q. Okay. No worries. Tina had asked me
- 9 about that because I believe it's spelled two
- 10 different ways within your documents.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. So I guess we'll have to get some
- 13 clarification from somebody who knows at some point,
- 14 but -- because I saw Cogagone (phonetic) and also
- 15 Codagone (phonetic), I think. So --
- 16 A. Yeah.
- 17 Q. -- anyways. And at some point, did your
- 18 primary point of contact with Nashua switch?
- 19 A. Yes.

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- 20 Q. Okay. And to whom did it switch?
- 21 A. Kimberly Kleiner.
- 22 Q. Okay. And what sort of information did
- 23 you provide Ms. Kleiner?
- A. Oh, okay.
- Q. And I will wait for you to finish an
- 3 answer. That makes it a whole lot easier on Tina,
- 4 our stenographer today.
- 5 A. My apologies.
- 6 Q. No worries. I think I did it first.
- 7 So are you aware of the New Hampshire data
- 8 privacy protection law?
- 9 A. Yeah. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And do you know whether or not your
- 11 board policy complies with that?
- A. I believe it does.
- 13 Q. Okay. Have you had any lawyers check that
- 14 out at all?

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- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Okay. And switching gears -- just to let
- 17 you know, as I go through this, I will give you a
- 18 little bit of a warning so that you know that we're
- 19 now onto a different topic -- when did Nashua first
- 20 contact you regarding their scanning and storage
- 21 needs?
- 22 A. I believe it was in the summer of 2019.
- Q. Okay. And if you are not sure, please

- 1 A. There wasn't a lot to provide, because she
- 2 was involved in the process already. But she wasn't
- 3 my main point of contact until that time that Bruce 4 left.
- 5 Q. Okay. So did Mr. Codagnone -- let's just
- 6 call him Bruce. Did Bruce perform the same kind of,
- 7 I guess, services or -- in relationship to your
- 8 contact with him, as Ms. Kleiner did?
- 9 A. I will say yes. I mean, it's kind of a
- 10 hard question. I am not sure what you are asking.
- 11 Could you maybe be a little more specific?
- 12 Q. I will rephrase.
- 13 A. Thank you.
- 14 Q. So when you contacted either Bruce or
- 15 Ms. Kleiner, what was their role in responding? In
- 16 other words, what communications did you have with
- 17 them?
- 18 A. Typically, just pickups and drop-off
- 19 scheduling.
- 20 Q. Okay. So they would have another batch of
- 21 documents, and you would then be called to come and
- 22 get them and scan and store them?
- 23 A. Correct.

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- Q. Okay. And switching again now, when did
- 2 you first hear from Laurie Ortolano?
- A. I believe it was -- gosh, I am trying to
- 4 remember the date. But anyway, I heard from her, I
- 5 think it was, in January. And she had left me a
- 6 voicemail, and I called her back.
- Q. Okay. And just to be specific, January of
- 8 which year?
- 9 A. Gosh, I am sorry. I don't recall the
- 10 exact year. I -- I think it was last year.
- 11 Q. Okay. To refresh, would it make sense
- 12 that it might be 2022?
- 13 A. Let me look.
- 14 Q. Go take your time.
- 15 A. Yes, it was 2022. My apologies.
- 16 Q. No worries.
- 17 To the extent that you can recall, do you
- 18 remember what she said to you in that first
- 19 voicemail message that you got from her?
- 20 A. She just said she's "Laurie Ortolano from
- 21 Nashua. And I am calling in regards to the PO
- 22 number that, you know, was issued." And I believe
- 23 that was it.

- 1 bringing up what Mr. Feoli has referred to as
- 2 the "PO"? It should be one of the exhibits,
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- (R. Feoli Deposition Exhibit No. 1 was
- 5 marked for identification and shared via Zoom.)
 - Q. (By Mr. Olson) I am just going to scroll.
- 7 Do you recognize this document, Mr. Feoli?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
 - Q. Okay. And what is this?
- 10 A. This is a PO from the City of Nashua to
- 11 Inception Technologies.
- 12 Q. Okay. And you said that this was the PO
- 13 that Ms. Ortolano referenced during the phone call
- 14 with you; correct?
- A. I don't recall exactly. But based on
- 16 timing and everything, yes, because I don't think
- 17 there was any other PO at that time.
- 18 Q. Okay. So if you would look up in the
- 19 upper left-hand corner next to the City of Nashua
- 20 seal, do you see the date there?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. And am I correct in stating that
- 23 it's 9/15 -- September 15, 2020?

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- Q. Okay. And when did you conclude that she
- 2 was a representative or agent of the City?
- 3 A. Basically, during the conversation with
- 4 her, I -- well, let me -- no. Because I called her
- 5 back. So I assumed that, based on the fact that she
- 6 was calling me from Nashua, that she was my
- 7 customer. Because I have never had somebody call me
- 8 that is, essentially, a customer of my customer.
- 9 It's just never happened before. So my assumption
- 10 was she was with the City at that point, I guess.
- 11 Q. Okay. Did she say anything in the
- 12 voicemail that would indicate that she was an agent
- 13 or employee of Nashua?
- 14 A. I don't recall that, no.
- 15 Q. Okay. And when you called her back, can
- 16 you recall the substance of that first conversation
- 17 with her?
- 18 A. Yeah. She was asking a lot about the PO
- 19 and the amounts and, you know, so what was, you
- 20 know, outstanding on it, et cetera. I gave her all
- 21 the information. So that was pretty much it. I
- 22 mean, you know...
- 23 MR. OLSON: Okay. Tina, would you mind

- A. That would be -- yes.
- 2 Q. Okay. And at that time, was that the only
- 3 PO that was issued by the City of Nashua?
- 4 A. To my knowledge, yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. And I am just trying to clarify
- 6 because the conversation that you had with
- 7 Ms. Ortolano you said was in January of 2022. So
- 8 did --
- 9 A. Yeah. This project wasn't a quick
- 10 project. Scanning process takes time.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 MR. OLSON: All right. Thank you. You
- 13 can unshare that one, Tina. I appreciate it.
- 14 Q. (By Mr. Olson) So other than the talk
- 15 about the PO, was there anything else that
- 16 Ms. Ortolano said during that first phone
- 17 conversation that you recall?
- 18 A. I had mentioned to her that -- because she
- 19 was asking about amounts due and so forth. And I
- 20 had mentioned to her that I agreed with what she had
- 21 said was the stated balance; however, we had an
- 22 invoice that was sort of in the process of being
- 23 generated. And at that time, she said, "Well, I

- Q. Thank you.
- 2 A. -- "believed her to be a City official
- 3 based on her intimate knowledge of the City's
- 4 business, the terms of Inception's contract, and the
- 5 status of PO, billing and payments, as well as her
- 6 statements."
- Q. Do you recall if that's what you told the
- 8 detective at the time?
- 9 A. I don't recall exactly, no.
- 10 Q. Okay. I believe, in answer to an earlier
- 11 question, you didn't mention all of those things.
- 12 But we can look at the detective's report in a
- 13 minute.
- 14 A. Sure.
- 15 Q. And skip ahead to No. 12. Tell me when
- 16 you are ready, Ray, please.
- 17 A. Yeah. (Perusing document.) Okay.
- 18 (Perusing document.) Okay.
- 19 (Perusing document.) Okay.
- 20 Q. So in the middle of, actually, that begins
- 21 with "Thinking Ms. Ortolano," would you read that.
- 22 A. "Thinking Ms. Ortolano was a City
- 23 official, I promptly returned the call."
- 1 Q. Okay. And just to clarify, when you
- 2 received that voicemail message, was there anything
- 3 in it that led you to believe that Ms. Ortolano was
- 4 a City employee?
- 5 A. Just like I said, she -- I have never had
- 6 this situation come up where I have had a client of
- 7 a customer call me looking for information. She
- 8 mentioned Nashua. She mentioned the PO. I just
- 9 concluded she was with the City.
- 10 Q. Okay. So you are really sort of
- 11 reinforcing your previous answer that, because it
- 12 was so rare or maybe had never happened before, that
- 13 you were assuming that she was a City employee;
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. In 28 years, it's never happened.
- 16 Q. Okay. And if you go down to the bottom of
- 17 your answer, beginning with "On or about February 4,
- 18 2022," please read that.
- 19 A. (As read) "On or about February 4, 2022,
- 20 Ms. Ortolano called me again and left a voicemail.
- 21 Once again, I promptly returned the call.
- 22 Ms. Ortolano questioned me about public access to
- 23 the documents, at one point stating/inquiring: 'We

- 1 don't have access to those files. When can we get
- 2 those files back?' I did not provide Ms. Ortolano
- 3 access to the scanned documents."
- 4 Q. Thank you.
- So I don't believe that you mentioned the
- 6 quoted language here when you described that second
- 7 phone call. Do you recall that?
- A. I am not sure what you are referring to.
- 9 Q. So where you have in quotes down at the
- 10 line -- first line from the bottom --
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. -- "We don't have access to those files.
- 13 When can we get those files back."
- 14 As you sit here today, do you recall her
- 15 saying that or asking those questions?
- 16 A. Yeah. That -- she was concerned about
- 17 documents that were being requested. And she made
- 18 comment that, while we have those files in our --
- 19 Inception's possession, that she didn't have access
- 20 to those files.
- 21 And I said to her that, you know, "You do.
- 22 Because when we scan them and upload them into
- 23 DocuWare, you can search and retrieve those files."
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- 1 And that's, again, under the thought that she was
- 2 with the company [sic]. And I mentioned that she
- 3 could, you know, have Kim provide her log-in
- 4 credentials to get access to those files if she were
- 5 a City employee. She didn't say she wasn't. And
- 6 she let it go, and that was it.
- 7 Q. Okay. And the last line in your answer
- 8 here where you say "I did not provide Ms. Ortolano
- 9 access to the scanned documents," did she ever ask
- 10 you for the scanned documents?
- 11 A. She wanted to know when they could have
- 12 access to them. She didn't specifically say
- 13 "scanned documents." I said to her that, you know,
- 14 "You could have access to those scanned documents if
- 15 you got log-in credentials from Kim."
- 16 As a company, we don't give out log-in
- 17 credentials from -- we pick a point of contact
- 18 within the organization who tells us, "Yes, this
- 19 person can have access to those files." So I kind
- 20 of was referring to the fact that, if she wanted to
- 21 get access to those scanned documents, as an
- 22 employee of the City, she could have requested
- 23 log-in credentials.

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